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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS SANCHEZ-CONTRERAS TO YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **M. Gloria Sanchez-Contreras** of Durham to the North Carolina Youth Advisory Council.

Sanchez-Contreras is the Latino public information officer in the office of public affairs at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. She is a member of the Hispanic/Latino Health Advisory Group in the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, the Mexican Council of the Carolinas, the Student Action with Farmworkers, and the State Cooperative Agreement Advisory Board. Sanchez-Contreras received the Latino Diamante award in 2004 and the La Conexion Impulso a la Comunidad Hispana award in 2006. She is a state certified cultural diversity trainer. Sanchez-Contreras received her Bachelor's degree in radio, television and motion pictures from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The council advises the youth councils of North Carolina, encourages state and local councils to take an active part in governmental and civic affairs, promotes and participates in leadership and citizenship programs and cooperates with other youth-oriented groups. It also receives and recommends expenditure of gifts and grants from public and private donors on behalf of the North Carolina Department of Administration. The board has 20 members, each serving two years. The governor appoints 10 members. Ten youth are elected to serve on the council.

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